

up here like Senator Schmit does and say, you know, sure there are people out there in the lobby that contribute \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, \$300 in chunk money to political campaigns and we can stand here and we can say, that does not affect our vote. Of course it doesn't. That doesn't affect the way we conduct business here in the Legislature. We can stand here and we can say that but who are we kidding? I mean really, who are we kidding? Do you think the people of the State of Nebraska think that people are going to come down here and stand on that lobby day in and day out and they are going to contribute \$2,000, \$2,500 or \$3,000 to campaigns if they are just throwing their money down the rat hole? Do you think people are really going to believe that? You know those people out there aren't giving campaign contributions for their health or for the goodness of their heart or because they are civic minded. Those people are giving \$500 or a \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000 contributions to influence the public business in this body because they are not satisfied that without those kinds of campaign contributions we aren't going to know what is "right" and we can call for studies like Senator Nichol does and we can pick apart the definitions that I am trying to get amended out of this bill like Senator Kelly does and we can chastise the whole concept of open government and accountability in government like Senator DeCamp does, but the people in the State of Nebraska aren't going to buy that because they want us to do something about it. Because people think that special interests have too much influence in this Legislature and a lot of the people think we have a two House Legislature down here, not a one House Legislature and a lot of people think the second House which overrules the first House stands out there in the lobby and I am saying that is not true, that we don't have a two House Legislature, but I would like some legislation to demonstrate to the people in Nebraska that it is not true and I would like us to put a limit on the amount of money that candidates for the Legislature can take for special interests or from corporations or from unions to let people know out there that we are not going to be unduly influenced by that, and if anybody has any question about whether the 1976 Accountability Act has done any good, go up to the Accountability Office and take a look at the disclosure reports for the 1978 election for the candidates listed. Every contribution of over \$100, political action committee, corporate, union, the whole works and then go take a look at the disclosure reports, the purported disclosure reports in the 1974 and '76 elections which disclosed nothing, Senator Nichol. Go and take a look at those reports and you will see that the Sunshine Act has done a lot. It has come a long ways but we need to travel further down that road and we need to put limits on the contributions that corporations and unions and